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Covenants To Be Made In The Endowment

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5. Law of **Chastity:**

Have no sexual relations with any other than lawful spouse.

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3. Law of **Sacrifice:**

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2. Law of **Obedience:**

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- avoid all light-mindedness;
- loud laughter;
- evil speaking of the Lord's anointed;
- the taking of the name of God in vain; and
- every other unholy and impure practice;
- desires, appetites and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set.

ENDOWMENT CEREMONY

1st Degree

Creation Room

Introduction

Eloheim: (The Father on his throne & His Wives sitting on their thrones to his left, accompanied by Jehovah on his throne to the Eloheim's right.)

My son, we welcome you to the Endowment House, and hope you will find joy in the house of the Lord this day.

Please be alert, attentive, and reverent during the presentation of the Endowment. As you are asked to proceed to the Veil, please do so in an orderly manner as directed. Please maintain the quiet reverence that should prevail in the House of the Lord. We will now proceed with the presentation of the Endowment.

If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be required to take upon yourselves sacred obligations, the violation of

which will bring upon you the judgment of God; for God will not be mocked. If you desire to withdraw rather than accept these obligations, as they have been previously explained to you, of your own free will and choice, you may now make it known.

My son, you as the initiate, will assume the role of Michael to begin the work of building a dominion of your own under the instruction of myself as Eloheim and your brother as Jehovah.

You, Jehovah and Michael, will be commanded to go down and organize a world. The work of the six creative periods will be represented. We will then organize man in their own likeness and image, male and female. When you are cast out of the Garden of Eden you will be washed, anointed, and clothed in the *Garment of the Holy Priesthood* – all this to prepare & protect you in the Telestial World.

We will begin.

The Creation -- First Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, See, yonder is matter unorganized, go ye down and organize it into a world, like unto the other worlds that we have heretofore formed. And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. Call your labors the First Day, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim. Come Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, see: Here is matter unorganized. We will organize it into a world like unto the worlds that we have heretofore

formed. We will call our labors the First Day, and return and report.

Michael: We will return and report our labors of the First Day, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Eloheim, we have been down as thou hast commanded, and have organized a world like unto the worlds that we have heretofore formed, and we have called our labors the First Day.

Eloheim: It is well.

The Creation -- Second Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, go down again. Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye seas, and the dry land call ye earth. Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. Call your labors the Second Day, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim. Come Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call seas, and the dry land we will call earth. We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. We will call our labors the Second Day, and return and report.

Michael: We will return and report our labors of the Second Day, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Eloheim, we have been down as thou hast commanded,

and have gathered the waters together, and have caused the dry land to appear. The great waters we have called seas, and the dry land we have called earth. We have formed mountains and hills, great rivers, and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth; and we have called our labors the Second Day.

Eloheim: It is well.

The Creation -- Third Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, return again to the earth that you have organized. Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light "day," and the darkness "night." Cause the lights in the firmament to appear; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with worlds heretofore created. Call your labors the Third Day, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim. Come Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

Michael: We will return again, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will divide the light from the darkness, and we will call the light "day," and the darkness "night." We will cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth; the same as with worlds heretofore created. We will call our labors the Third Day, and return and report.

Michael: We will return and report our labors of the Third Day, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Eloheim, we have been down as thou hast commanded, and have divided the light from the darkness, and have called the light “day,” and the darkness “night.” We have caused the lights in the firmament to appear; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. We have caused the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with worlds heretofore created. We have called our labors the Third Day.

Eloheim: It is well.

The Creation -- Fourth Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, return again. Place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation; each bearing seed in itself after its own kind, as on the worlds we have heretofore created. Plant a garden eastward in Eden. Call your labors the Fourth Day, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim. Come Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation; each bearing seed in itself after its own kind, as on the worlds we have heretofore created. We will plant a garden eastward in Eden. We will call our labors the Fourth Day, and return and report.

Michael: We will return and report our labors of the Fourth Day, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Eloheim, we have been down as thou hast commanded, and have placed seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation; each bearing seed in itself, after its own kind, as on the worlds we have heretofore created; and we have called our labors the Fourth Day.

Eloheim: It is well.

The Creation -- Fifth Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, return and place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals; fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth. Command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation, and have joy therein. Call your labors the Fifth Day, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim. Come Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, we will place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals; fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth. We will command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the

insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation, and have joy therein. We will call our labors the Fifth Day, and return and report.

Michael: It is well, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified with vegetation growing thereon, and provided with animal life, it is glorious and beautiful.

Jehovah: It is, Michael.

Michael: Let us return and report our labors of the Fifth Day, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Eloheim, we have been down as thou has commanded; we have placed beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals; fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects, and all manner of animal life upon the earth. We have commanded the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation, and have joy therein. We have called our labors the Fifth Day.

Eloheim: It is well.

The Creation -- Sixth Day

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, is man found on the earth?

Jehovah: Man is not found on the earth, Eloheim.

Eloheim: Jehovah, Michael, then let us (gesturing towards his wives), the Eloheim, go down and place Michael there in the Garden which has been planted eastward in Eden. And he shall be known as Adam throughout his mortal sojourn on the earth.

We, the Eloheim (gesturing towards his wives), shall beget him in our own likeness and in our own image. In doing so, we will place a veil upon his mind so that he will forget much of his life and labors in the Council of the Gods.

We will beget for him a woman to be his wife, his companion and his helpmeet. We will there command Adam and his wife to multiply and replenish the earth that they may have joy and rejoicing in their posterity.

And let us give him dominion over the beasts, the fishes, and the birds, and make him lord over all the earth, and over all things on the face of the earth.

We will place before them the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, and we will allow Lucifer, his enemy who has been thrust out, to tempt Adam and his wife and to try them, that they may know by their own experience the good from the evil.

If they yield to temptation and partake of the fruit of the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, the fruit thereof shall cause blood to flow again in their veins so that they can begin the process of providing mortal tabernacles for their own spirit posterity. When they have finished their work on the earth we will allow them to partake of the fruit of the *Tree of Life* and again return to their high place among the Gods.

We will give unto them the Law of Obedience and the Law of Sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for Adam's posterity, as we counseled in the beginning, whereby they may be brought forth by the power of the redemption and the resurrection and come again into our presence, and with us partake of Eternal Life and Exaltation.

When we have done this, we will call our labors the Sixth Day and we will rest from our labors for a season. Come let us go down.

Jehovah: We will go down, Eloheim.

Michael: We will go down.

(*Eloheim, Jehovah and Michael enter the Garden Room.*)

The Garden Room

Eloheim (*addressing his wives*): See here the earth that Jehovah and Michael have formed. It is good. However, there is no man to till the ground and care for the garden. We are here to form man in our own likeness and in our own image. We will create a physical body for him, and we will put into it his spirit, the breath of life, that he may be born a living soul.

Wives: It shall be done.

(*wives huddle with Adam*)

Eloheim: Adam, close your eyes as if you were asleep.

(*wives unhuddle, Adam is there.*)

Eloheim: Adam, awake! (*addressing his wives*): Behold, the Man

Adam – known in his pre-existent state as Michael, who helped form the earth. When he awakens from the sleep of birth, he will be known as Adam, and with the *Veil of Forgetfulness* being placed on his mind and having forgotten all, will have become as a little child.

Ladies, is it good for man to be alone?

Wives: It is not good for man to be alone, Lord, for we are not alone.

Eloheim: Then let us make for him a wife to be his companion and helpmeet.

Wives: It shall be done.

(*wives huddle with Adam*)

Eloheim: Adam, close your eyes as if you were asleep.

(*wives unhuddle, Adam is there.*)

Eloheim: Adam, awake! Adam, see the woman whom we give unto you to be your companion and helpmeet. She is the mother of your spirit posterity. What will you call her?

Adam: Eve.

Eloheim: Why will you call her Eve?

Adam: Because she is the mother of all living.

Eloheim: That is right, Adam. She *is* the mother of all living.

Adam, you and Eve have been born in the Garden which we have

planted for you. And we command you and Eve to multiply and replenish the earth that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

Adam, Eve, this earth has been created for you, and there has been placed upon it all kinds of vegetation and animal life. We have commanded all these to multiply in their own sphere and element. We now give you dominion over all these things, and make you, Adam, lord over the whole earth, and all things on the face thereof.

In this Garden which we have planted for you we have placed all manner of fruits, flowers, and vegetation. Of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil* thou shalt not eat; nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee. But remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof blood shall flow in thy veins, and thou shalt surely die.

When you have finished your work here, you may eat of the fruit of the *Tree of Life* and again return to your own place in *the Council of the Gods* and reign as the Eternal Father of this world.

Remember these commandments which we have given unto you. Now go to, dress this Garden, take good care of it, be happy and have joy therein. We shall go away and rest from our labors, and call this the end of The Sixth Day. But we shall visit you again and give you further instructions.

(*Eloheim & Jehovah exit*)

(*Eve wanders behind some foliage. Lucifer is shown observing Adam, and is also wearing a square apron tied to his waist.*)

Lucifer: Well Adam, you have a new world here.

Adam: A new world?

Lucifer: Yes, a new world, patterned after the old one where we used to live.

Adam: I know nothing about any other world.

Lucifer: Oh, I see, your eyes are not yet opened. You have forgotten everything. You must eat some of the fruit of that tree.

(*Lucifer picks two pieces of fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and presents them to Adam.*)

Adam, here is some of the fruit of this tree. It will make you wise.

Adam: I will not partake of that fruit. Father told me that in the day I should partake of it I should surely die.

Lucifer: You shall not surely die, but shall be as the Gods, knowing good and evil.

Adam: I will not partake of it.

Lucifer: Oh, you will not? Well, we shall see.

(*Adam now wanders off behind some foliage and Eve re-enters.*)

Eve, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It will make you wise. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

Eve: Who are you?

Lucifer: I am your brother.

Eve: You, my brother, and come here to persuade me to disobey Father?

Lucifer: I have said nothing about Father. I want you to eat of the fruit of the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, that your eyes may be opened, for that is the way Father gained His knowledge. You must eat of this fruit so as to comprehend that everything has its opposite: good and evil, virtue and vice, light and darkness, health and sickness, pleasure and pain; thus your eyes will be opened and you will have. . . knowledge.

Eve: Is there no other way?

Lucifer: There *is* no other way.

Eve: Then I will partake.

(*Eve receives the fruit from Lucifer, and bites it. Lucifer grins, and places the other piece in her hand, which he closes around it and gently pats her hand.*)

Lucifer: That is right. Now go and get Adam to partake.

(*Adam re-enters and Eve approaches Adam, fruit in hand, and presents it to him with a persuasive tone of voice.*)

Eve: Adam, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

Adam: Eve, do you know what fruit that is?

Eve: Yes, it is the fruit of *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*.

Adam: I cannot partake of it. Do you not recall that Father commanded us *not* to partake of the fruit of that tree?

Eve: Do you intend to obey all of Father's commandments?

Adam: Yes, all of them.

Eve: Do you not recollect that Father commanded us to Multiply and Replenish the Earth? I have partaken of this fruit and by so doing shall be cast out, and you will be left a lone man in the Garden of Eden.

Adam: Eve, I see that this must be so. I will partake that man may be.

(*Adam takes a bite, and Lucifer walks to their side with a look of approval.*)

Lucifer: That is right.

Eve: It is better for us to pass through sorrow that we may know the good from the evil.

I know thee now. Thou art Lucifer, he who was cast out of Father's presence for rebellion.

Lucifer: Yes, you are beginning to see already.

Adam: What is that apron you have on?

Lucifer: It is an emblem of my power and priesthoods.

Adam: Priesthoods?

Lucifer: Yes, Priesthoods.

Adam: I am looking for Father to come down to give us further instructions.

Lucifer: Oh, you are looking for Father to come down, are you?

(*The voices of Eloheim and Jehovah can be heard in the Garden of Eden.*)

Eloheim: Jehovah, we promised Adam that we would visit him and give him further instructions. Come, let us go down.

Jehovah: We will go down, Eloheim.

Adam: I hear their voices, they are coming.

Lucifer: See, you are naked. Take some fig leaves and make you aprons. Father will see your nakedness. Quick! Hide!

Adam: Come, let us hide.

(*Initiates tie their aprons around their waists. Eloheim and Jehovah enter.*)

Eloheim: Adam? ... Adam? ... Adam!! Where art thou?

Adam: I heard thy voice and hid myself, because I was naked.

Eloheim: Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou partaken

of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, of which we commanded thee not to partake?

Adam: Well, yes . . . But the *woman* thou gavest me to be my companion and helpmeet, and commanded that she should remain with me, *she* gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

Eloheim: Eve, what is this thou hast done?

Eve: Well, the *serpent* beguiled me, and I did eat.

Eloheim: Lucifer, what hast thou been doing here?

Lucifer: I have been doing that which has been done on other worlds.

Eloheim: What is that?

Lucifer: I have been giving some of the fruit of *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil* to them.

Eloheim: Lucifer, because thou has done this, thou shalt be cursed above all the beasts of the field, being left with neither root nor branch. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life.

Lucifer: If thou cursest me for doing the same thing which has been done on other worlds, I will take the spirits that follow me, and they shall possess the bodies thou createst for Adam and Eve.

Eloheim: I will place enmity between thee and the seed of the woman. Thou mayest have power to bruise His heel, but He shall have power to crush thy head.

Lucifer: Then with that enmity I will take the treasures of the earth, and with gold and silver and the Power of Economics and Finance that they bring, I will manipulate governments and rulers, armies and navies, popes and priests; and I will thereby control the lives of people, and I will reign with blood and horror on this earth!

Eloheim: *Depart!*

(*Lucifer looks defiantly at Eloheim, then turns, bows his head and slinks away.*)

Eloheim: Jehovah, let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the *Tree of Life*, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in their sins.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

(*Jehovah stretches His right arm toward the Tree of Life. Then, speaks...*)

Jehovah: Let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the *Tree of Life*, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in their sins.

It is done, Eloheim.

Eloheim: Eve, because thou hast hearkened to the voice of Lucifer and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, and given unto Adam, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow in thy conception: in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children. Nevertheless, thou mayest be preserved in child-bearing. Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Adam, because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife and hast

partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man. And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Law of Obedience

Eloheim: Eve, because thou wast the first to eat of the forbidden fruit, if you will covenant that from this time forth that you will obey your husband as though he were God, … and, Adam, if you will covenant that from this time forth you will obey the Law of Eloheim, then we will give unto you the Law of Obedience and the Law of Sacrifice. And we will provide a Savior for you, as we counseled in the beginning, whereby you may come back into our presence, and with us partake of Eternal Life and Exaltation.

Adam [and Eve], you will now come to the altar.

[*If Eve is receiving her endowment:*]

(*Eve raises her right arm to the square and speaks…*)

Eve: Adam, I now covenant to obey thee as though thou were God.

(*Adam raises his right arm to the square and speaks…*)

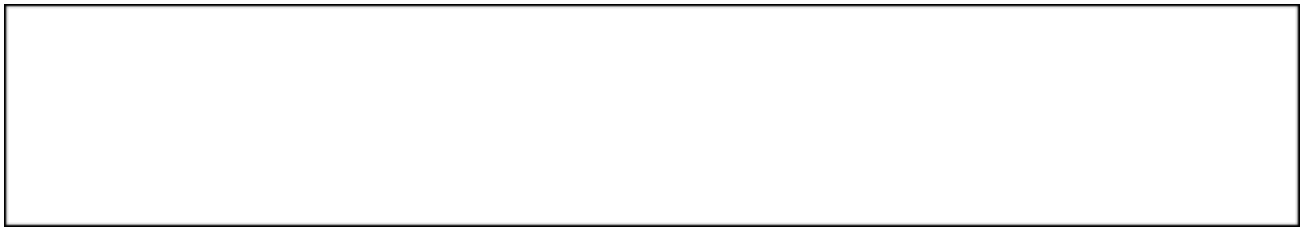
Adam: Eloheim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.

Eloheim: It is well, Adam.

Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Adam, you will be washed that *through your faithfulness*, you may become clean from the blood and sins of this generation. You will be anointed to become hereafter a King and a Priest unto the Most High God.



[*If Eve is receiving her endowment:*]

Eve, Adam will wash you and pronounce you clean, *every whit, –* through childbearing, and obedience to *the Gospel of Jesus Christ –* from the blood and sins of this generation. And he will then anoint you to become hereafter a Queen and a Priestess unto Him.

Adam, we will then place a garment upon you to cover your nakedness and which represents the coat of skins spoken of. Anciently it was made of skins. You will receive, in connection with the *Garment of the Holy Priesthood*, your *New Name*. We will now proceed with these sacred ordinances.

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(*These ordinances are then attended to by the appropriate*

administrators, respectively.)

(*Session Resumes*)

The Law of Sacrifice

Eloheim: Adam ["and Eve"], we will now put you under covenant to obey and keep The Law of Sacrifice, as explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Junior – the Witness & Testator. He said:

1. The Law of Sacrifice is required in order to obtain the knowledge which persons must have, that the course of life which they pursue is according to the will of God, in order that they may be enabled to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation.

2. This knowledge supplies an important place in revealed religion; for it was by reason of it that the ancients were enabled to endure as *seeing him who is invisible*. An actual knowledge to any person, that the course of life which he pursues is according to the will of God, is essentially necessary to enable him to have that confidence in God without which no person can obtain eternal life. It was this that enabled the ancient saints to endure all their afflictions and persecutions, and to take joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing (not believing merely) that they had a more enduring substance. (Heb. 10:34.)

3. Having the assurance that they were pursuing a course which was agreeable to the will of God, they were enabled to take, not only the spoiling of their goods, and the wasting of their substance, joyfully, but also to suffer death in its most horrid forms; knowing (not merely believing) that when this earthly house of their tabernacle was

dissolved, they had a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Cor. 5:1.)

4. Such was, and always will be, the situation of the saints of God, that unless they have an actual knowledge that the course they are pursuing is according to the will of God they will grow weary in their minds, and faint; for such has been, and always will be, the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God against the pure and unadulterated religion of heaven (the only thing which insures eternal life), that they will persecute to the uttermost all that worship God according to his revelations, receive the truth in the love of it, and submit themselves to be guided and directed by his will; and drive them to such extremities that nothing short of an actual knowledge of their being the favorites of heaven, and of their having embraced that order of things which God has established for the redemption of man, will enable them to exercise that confidence in him, necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtain that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God.

5. For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation, his honor, and applause, his good name among men, his houses, his lands, his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, and even his own life also-counting all things but filth and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ-requires more than mere belief or supposition that he is doing the will of God; but actual knowledge, realizing that, when these sufferings are ended, he will enter into eternal rest, and be a partaker of the glory of God.

6. For unless a person does know that he is walking according to the will of God, it would be offering an insult to the dignity of the Creator were he to say that he would be a partaker of his glory when he should

be done with the things of this life. But when he has this knowledge, and most assuredly knows that he is doing the will of God, his confidence can be equally strong that he will be a partaker of the glory of God.

7. Let us here observe, that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation; for, from the first existence of man, the faith necessary unto the enjoyment of life and salvation never could be obtained without the sacrifice of all earthly things. It was through this sacrifice, and this only, that God has ordained that men should enjoy eternal life; and it is through the medium of the sacrifice of all earthly things that men do actually know that they are doing the things that are well pleasing in the sight of God. When a man has offered in sacrifice all that he has for the truth's sake, not even withholding his life, and believing before God that he has been called to make this sacrifice because he seeks to do his will, he does know, most assuredly, that God does and will accept his sacrifice and offering, and that he has not, nor will not seek his face in vain. Under these circumstances, then, he can obtain the faith necessary for him to lay hold on eternal life.

8. It is in vain for persons to fancy to themselves that they are heirs with those, or can be heirs with them, who have offered their all in sacrifice, and by this means obtained faith in God and favor with him so as to obtain eternal life, unless they, in like manner, offer unto him the same sacrifice, and through that offering obtain the knowledge that they are accepted of him.

9. It was in offering sacrifices that Abel, the first martyr, obtained knowledge that he was accepted of God. And from the days of righteous Abel to the present time, the knowledge that men have that

they are accepted in the sight of God is obtained by offering sacrifice. And in the last days, before the Lord comes, he is to gather together his saints who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice. [As it says in] Psalms 50:3-5:

“Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those who have made a covenant with me by Sacrifice.”

10. Those, then, who make the sacrifice, will have the testimony that their course is pleasing in the sight of God; and those who have this testimony will have faith to lay hold on eternal life, and will be enabled, through faith, to endure unto the end, and receive the crown that is laid up for them that love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who do not make the sacrifice cannot enjoy this faith, because men are dependent upon this sacrifice in order to obtain this faith: therefore, they cannot lay hold upon eternal life, because the revelations of God do not guarantee unto them the authority so to do, and without this guarantee faith could not exist.

11. All the saints of whom we have account, in all the revelations of God which are extant, obtained the knowledge which they had of their acceptance in his sight through the sacrifice which they offered unto him; and through the knowledge thus obtained their faith became sufficiently strong to lay hold upon the promise of eternal life, and to endure as seeing him who is invisible; and were enabled, through faith, to combat the powers of darkness, contend against the wiles of the adversary, overcome the world, and obtain the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

12. But those who have not made this sacrifice to God do not know that the course which they pursue is well pleasing in his sight; for whatever may be their belief or their opinion, it is a matter of doubt and uncertainty in their mind; and where doubt and uncertainty are there faith is not, nor can it be. For doubt and faith do not exist in the same person at the same time; so that persons whose minds are under doubts and fears cannot have unshaken confidence; and where unshaken confidence is not their faith is weak; and where faith is weak the persons will not be able to contend against all the opposition, tribulations, and afflictions which they will have to encounter in order to be heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ Jesus; and they will grow weary in their minds, and the adversary will have power over them and destroy them.

The Covenant: The Law of Sacrifice

Eloheim: Adam, we will now put you under covenant to obey and keep The Law of Sacrifice, as explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Junior – the Witness & Testator:

Adam, bring your right arm to the square. Do you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will observe and keep The Law of Sacrifice, as explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Junior, and that you will covenant to sacrifice all that you possess, even your own life if necessary, in sustaining and defending the Kingdom of God.

If you do, Bow your head and say "Yes."

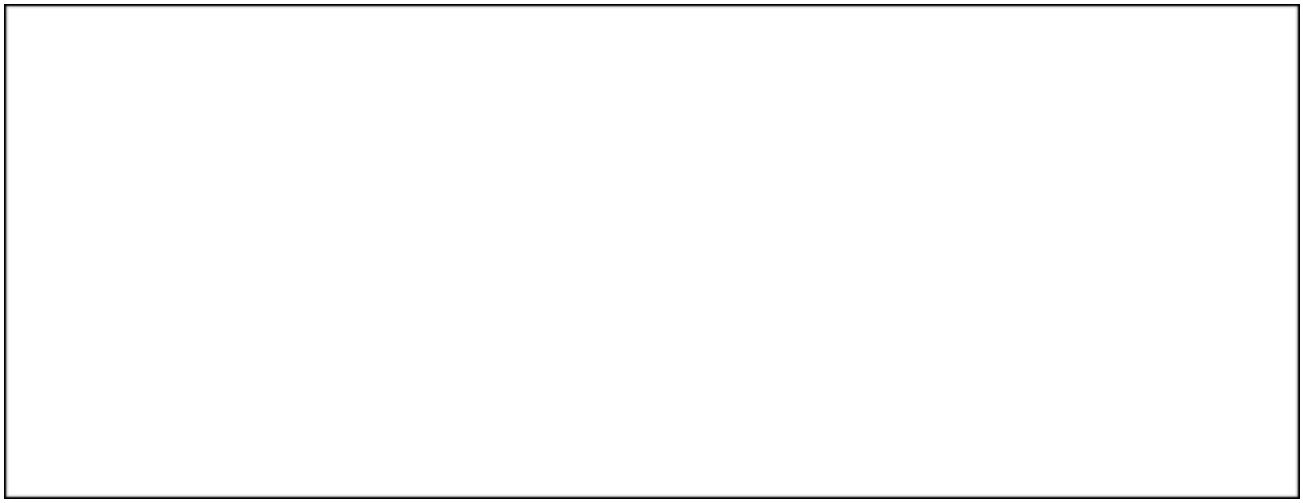
Adam: "Yes."

Eloheim: That will do.

[*If Eve is receiving her endowment:*]

Adam: Eve, I will now put you under covenant to obey and keep The Law of Sacrifice, as explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Junior – the Witness & Testator:

[If Eve is receiving her endowment:]



Eve, bring your right arm to the square. Do you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will observe and keep The Law of Sacrifice, as explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Junior, and that you will covenant to sacrifice all that you possess, even your own life if necessary, in sustaining and defending the Kingdom of God.

If you do, Bow your head and say "Yes."

Eve: Yes.

Adam: That will do.

Eloheim: That will do.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

Eloheim: We will now give unto you the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood* with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Before doing this, however, we desire to impress upon your minds the sacred character of the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*, as well as that of all other Tokens of the Holy Priesthood, with their accompanying *Names*, *Signs*, and *Penalties*, which you will receive in the Endowment House this day.

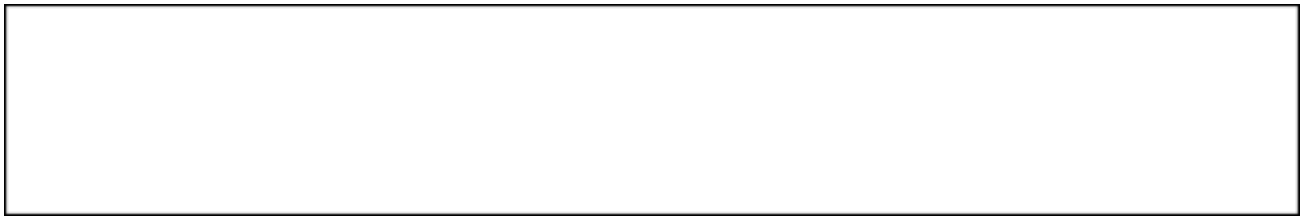
They are most sacred, and are guarded by solemn covenants and obligations of secrecy to the effect that under no condition, even at the peril of your life, will you ever divulge them, except at a certain place that will be shown you hereafter. The representation of the *Execution of the Penalties* indicates different ways in which life may be taken.

The *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood* is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb directly over the first knuckle of the hand, in this manner.

(*Eloheim, takes the right hand of Adam at the altar.*)

Adam, we give unto you the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

(*The token is given to Adam.*)



[*If Eve is receiving her endowment:*]

(*Adam takes the right hand of Eve at the altar.*)

Adam: Eve, I will give unto you the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

(*The token is given to Eve.*)

Eloheim: The *Name* of this Token is the *New Name* that you received along with your Washing & Anointing. [This *Name* is a name that is *older* than yourself; a name from the *past*.]

The *Sign* of the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood* is made by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended.

(*Eloheim demonstrates.*)

This is the *Sign*.

The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by placing the thumb under the left ear, the palm of the hand down, and by drawing the thumb quickly across the throat to the right ear, and dropping the hand to the side.

(*Eloheim demonstrates.*)

I will now explain the covenant and obligation of secrecy which are associated with this Token, its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*, and which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my Endowment today, and had been given the name

of "John" as my *New Name*, I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the *Sign*, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*:

I, John, solemnly covenant that I will never reveal the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my life to be taken] *or* [my throat to be cut from ear-to-ear and my tongue torn from it's roots].

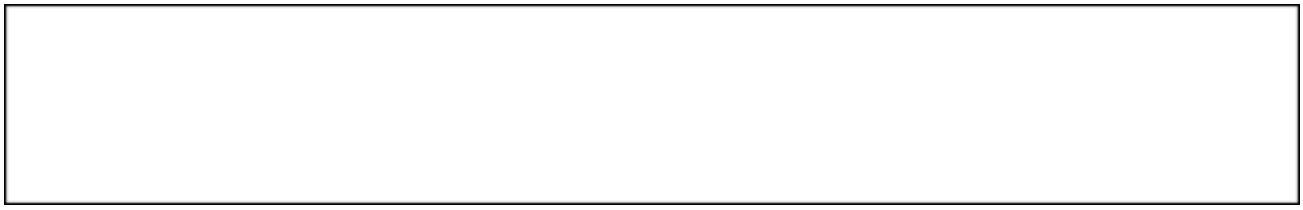
(*Eloheim demonstrates.*)

Each of you make the *Sign* of the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, by bringing your right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the *Sign*. Now, repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*.

"I _____ -- [think of the *New Name*] --_____ solemnly covenant that I will never reveal the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my life to be taken]" *or* [my throat to be cut from ear-to-ear and my tongue torn from its roots]."

That will do.

Eloheim: Adam, you have been washed and pronounced clean, or rather that through your faithfulness you *may become* clean from the blood and sins of this generation. You have been anointed to become hereafter a *King and Priest unto the Most High God*, to rule and reign in the House of Israel forever.



[*If Eve is receiving her endowment:*]

Eve, you have been washed and anointed to become hereafter a Queen and Priestess to your husband. You have been pronounced clean, *every whit,* – through childbearing – from the blood and sins of this generation,.

Adam [and Eve], if you are true and faithful, the day will come when you will be chosen, called up, and anointed a King [and Queen], a Priest [and Priestess], whereas you are now anointed only to become such. The realization of these blessings depends upon your faithfulness.

You have had a Garment placed upon you, which you were informed represents the garment given to Adam and Eve when they were found naked in the Garden of Eden, and which is called the "*Garment of the Holy Priesthood*."

This you were instructed to wear throughout your life.

You were informed that it will be *a shield and a protection* to you, inasmuch as you do not defile it, and *if* you are true and faithful to your covenants.

You have had a *New Name* given unto you, which you were told never to divulge nor forget. This *New Name* is a key word which you will be required to give at a certain place in the Endowment House today. Your Endowment is to prepare you for the Glory of the Lord through instructions pertaining to creation, life, salvation and exaltation, making

and receiving Covenants, *Tokens, Signs, Key Words*, and *Penalties*; allowing you to detect all things true and teaching you how to commune through the Veil.

Jehovah, see that Adam is driven out of this beautiful Garden into the Lone and Dreary World, where he may learn from his own experience to distinguish good from evil.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Adam [and Eve], this is Gabriel, who stands next to you in Patriarchal Authority over the earth.[1]

Follow him now into the Lone & Dreary World.

[End of 1st Degree]

2nd Degree

Lone and Dreary World -- Telestial Kingdom

Gabriel: Adam [and Eve], this room represents the Telestial Kingdom, or the world in which we now live, the world to which Lucifer and his followers were cast and is here known as Satan. Adam, on finding himself in the Lone and Dreary World, built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words he uttered:

Adam: Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

(*Lucifer, now known as Satan approaches Adam.*)

Satan: I hear you; what is it you want?

Adam: Who are you?

Satan: I am the god of this world.

Adam: Who made you the God of this world?

Satan: I made myself the God of this world! What do you want?

Adam: I am looking for messengers.

Satan: Oh, you want someone to preach to you. You want religion, do you? I will have preachers here presently.

(*As the sectarian preacher enters…*)

Satan: Good morning sir!

Preacher: Good morning! A fine congregation!

Satan: Yes, they are very good people. They are concerned about religion. Are you a preacher?

Preacher: I am.

Satan: Have you been to college and received training for the ministry?

Preacher: Certainly! A man cannot preach unless he has been trained for the ministry.

Satan: Do you preach the orthodox religion?

Preacher: Yes, that is what I preach.

Satan: If you will preach your orthodox religion to these people, and convert them, I will pay you well.

Preacher: I will do my best.

Satan: Here is a man who desires religion. He is very much exercised, and seems to be sincere.

(*Satan steps back and observes the conversation between the Preacher and Adam.*)

Preacher: I understand you are inquiring after religion.

Adam: I was calling upon Father.

Preacher: I am glad to know that you were calling upon Father.

Let us first sing a hymn that explains God: "*Beautiful Isle of Somewhere*."

(*Congregation sings*)*:*

"Somewhere the sun is shining,

Somewhere the songbirds dwell,

Hush then thy sad repining,

God lives, and all is well."

“Somewhere. Somewhere.

Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.

Land of the true,

Where we live anew,

Beautiful Isle of somewhere.”

Preacher [to Adam]: Do you believe in a God who is without body, parts, and passions; who sits on the top of a topless throne; whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere; who fills the universe, and yet is so small that he can dwell in your heart; who is surrounded by myriads of beings who have been saved by grace, not for any act of theirs, but by His good pleasure? Do you believe in this great being?

Adam: I do not. I cannot comprehend such a being.

Preacher: That is the beauty of it. Perhaps you do not believe in the devil, and in that great hell, the bottomless pit, where there is a lake of fire and brimstone into which the wicked are cast, and where they are continually burning, but are never consumed?

Adam: I do not believe in any such place.

Preacher: My dear friend, I am sorry for you.

Satan: I am sorry; very, very sorry! What is it you want?

Adam: I am looking for messengers from my Father.

(*The Gods voices are now heard from above.*)

Eloheim: Jehovah, send down Gabriel to visit the man Adam in the Telestial World, without disclosing his identity. Have him observe conditions generally, see if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam has been true to the Token and *Sign* given to him in the Garden of Eden. Have him then return and report.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Gabriel, go down and visit the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Telestial World, without disclosing your true identity. Observe conditions generally. See if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam has been true and faithful to the Token and *Sign* given to him in the Garden of Eden. Then return and report.

Gabriel: It shall be done, Jehovah. I will go down.

(*Gabriel enters the Telestial World and holds conversation with Satan.*)

Gabriel: Good morning.

Satan: Good morning, sir.

Gabriel: What are you doing here?

Satan: Teaching religion.

Gabriel: What religion do you teach?

Satan: We teach a religion made of the philosophies of men, mingled with scripture.

Gabriel: How is your religion received by this congregation?

Satan: Very well … except this man. He does not seem to believe anything we preach.

(*Gabriel now approaches Adam and Eve.*)

Gabriel: Good morning. What do you think of the preaching of these gentlemen?

Adam: I cannot comprehend it.

Gabriel: Can you give me some idea concerning it?

Adam: They preach of a God who is without body, parts, or passions; who is so large that he fills the universe, and yet is so small that he can dwell in my heart; and of a hell, without a bottom, where the wicked are continually burning but are never consumed. To me, it is a mass of confusion.

Gabriel: I do not wonder that you cannot comprehend such doctrine. Have you any Tokens or *Signs*?

Satan: Do you have any money?

Gabriel: I have sufficient for my needs.

Satan: You can buy anything in this world for money.

Gabriel: (*To Adam.*) Do you sell your Tokens or *Signs* for money? You

have them, I presume.

Adam: I have them, but I do not sell them for money. I hold them sacred. I am looking for the further light and knowledge Father promised to send to me.

Gabriel: That is right. I commend you for your integrity. Good day. I shall probably visit you again. (*Gabriel shakes Adam's hand.*)

(*Gabriel exits.*)

Satan: Now is the great day of my power. I reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. There is none who dares to molest, or make afraid.

Preacher: Shall we ever have any Prophets or Patriarchs?

Satan: No. (*Regarding the visitor who has just departed*): However, there may be some who will profess revelation or to be Patriarchs of the Most High God. If so, just test them by asking that they perform a great miracle, such as cutting off an arm or some other member of the body, and restoring it, so that the people may know that they have come with power.

(*The voice of Gabriel is heard reporting.*)

Gabriel: Jehovah, I have visited the man Adam in the Telestial World as thou didst command me. I found Satan there, with his ministers, preaching all manner of false doctrine, and striving to lead the posterity of Adam astray. But Adam has been true and faithful to the Token and *Sign* given him in the Garden of Eden, and is waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send him. This is my report.

Jehovah: It is well, Gabriel.

Eloheim -- Gabriel has been down to the man Adam in the Telestial World. He found Satan there with his ministers preaching all manner of false doctrine, and striving to lead the posterity of Adam astray. But Adam has been true and faithful to the Token and *Sign* given him in the Garden of Eden, and he is waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send him. This is his report.

Elohei m: It is well. Jehovah, instruct Gabriel to go down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Telestial World in his true character as a Patriarch of the Most High God, and to cast Satan out of his midst. Instruct him to give unto Adam and his wife, Eve, the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible; also a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to keep all passions, appetites and desires within the bounds which the Lord has established. And cause these to be received by covenant.

Instruct Gabriel further to clothe Adam and his wife, Eve, in the *Robes of the Holy Priesthood*, with the robe on the left shoulder, and to give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty* Then have him return and report.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Gabriel, go down in your true character as a Patriarch to the Most High God to the man Adam in the Telestial World, and to cast Satan out of his midst. Give unto Adam and his wife, Eve, the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible; also a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed,

the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to keep all passions, appetites and desires within the bounds which the Lord has established. And cause these to be received by covenant.

Further, you shall clothe Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood, with the robe on the left shoulder, and to give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Then return and report.

Gabriel: It shall be done, Jehovah. I will go down.

(*Enter Gabriel.*)

Gabriel: I am Gabriel.

Satan: Yes, I thought I knew you.

(*Satan turns to the Preacher.*)

Do you know who this man is? He claims to be a Patriarch of the Most High God. Try him.

Preacher: Do you profess to be a Patriarch of the Most High God?

Gabriel: I do.

Preacher: This man told me that we should never have any revelation or Patriarchs, but if any should come professing to be Patriarchs, I was to ask them to cut off an arm or some other member of the body and then restore it, so that the people might know that they come with power.

Gabriel: I do not satisfy men's curiosity in that manner. It is a wicked and an adulterous generation that seeks for a sign. Do you know who that man is? He is Satan!

Preacher: What? The Devil?

Gabriel: That is one of his names.

Preacher: He is quite a different person from what he told me the devil is. He said the devil has a black skin, claws like a bear's on his hands, horns on his head, and cloven feet, and that when he speaks he has the roar of a lion!

Gabriel: He has said this to deceive you, and I would advise you to get out of his employ.

Preacher: Your advice is good; but, if I leave his employ, what will become of me?

Gabriel: I will preach the gospel unto you, with the rest of Adam's posterity.

Preacher: That is good. (*He turns to speak to Satan…*)

I would like to have a settlement. I want you to pay me for preaching.

Satan: I am ready to keep my word and fulfill my part of the agreement. I promised to pay you if you would convert these people, and he has nearly converted you! You can get out of my kingdom, I want no such men in it!

(*The Preacher leaves and Satan approaches Gabriel.*)

Now, what are you going to do?

Gabriel: I will dismiss you without further argument.

Satan: *Ahah!* You have looked over my kingdom, and my greatness and glory. Now you want to take possession of the whole of it. Well, before you do I have a word to say concerning Adam and Eve.

(*Satan turns to Adam and Eve and says*...)

If you do not walk up to every covenant you make at these altars, in this Temple, this day *you will be in my power!*

Gabriel: Satan, I command you to depart!

Satan: By what authority?

(*Gabriel with right arm to the square giving the First Sign of the Aaronic Priesthood says*...)

Gabriel: In the Name of Jesus Christ.

(*Satan, shaken, leaves. Gabriel waits until Satan leaves and then approaches Adam and says*...)

Adam, I am a *Patriarch of the Most High God*, a true messenger from the Father. And I have come down to give unto you the *Further Light and Knowledge* He promised to send you.

Adam: How shall I know that you are a true messenger?

Gabriel: By my giving unto you the Token and *Sign* you received in the Garden of Eden.

(*Adam grasps Gabriel the right hand in the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood and says…*)

Adam: What is that?

Gabriel: The *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

Adam: Has it a name?

Gabriel: It has.

Adam: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I cannot, for it is the *New Name*, but this is the *Sign*; and this represents the *Execution of the Penalty*.

Adam: Now I know that you are a true messenger sent down from Father. (*Adam turns to his wife and says…*)

Eve, this is a true messenger from Father. I exhort you to give strict heed to his counsel and teachings, and he will lead us in the way of life and salvation.

The Law of the Gospel

Gabriel: I am required to give unto you the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible; to give unto you also a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to keep all passions, appetites and desires within the bounds which the Lord has established, and to cause you to receive these by covenant.

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Bring your right arm to the square.

You solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar, that you will observe and keep the Law of the Gospel and this charge as it has been explained to you. If you do, bow your head and say "Yes."

Adam [& Eve]: "Yes"

Gabriel: That will do.

The Robes of the Holy Priesthood

Gabriel: I am instructed to clothe you in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood.

Adam, remove the apron you received in the Garden Room. Place the robe on your left shoulder. Place the cap on your head with the bow over the right ear, [Eve, place the veil on your head, covering your face, then sweep it back over your head]. Replace the apron, tie the girdle with the bow on the right side, remove the moccasins from your feet, and put them on again as part of the temple clothing. You may now proceed to clothe.

(*Adam [and Eve] clothe in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood.*)

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

Gabriel: Adam & Eve will now come to the altar.

With the Robe on the left shoulder, you are prepared to officiate in the

ordinances of the Aaronic Priesthood. Adam, I give unto you the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. This Token is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb between the first and second knuckles of the hand, in this manner.

(*Gabriel gives the token to Adam. Adam administers the token to Eve.*)

The *Name* of this Token is your own first given name.

The *Sign* is made by bringing the right hand in front of you, with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*) This is the *Sign*.

The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by placing the right hand on the left breast, drawing the hand quickly across the body, and dropping the hands to the sides. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*)

I will now explain the covenant and obligation of secrecy which are associated with this Token, its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*, and which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my endowment today, and if my first given name were "David," I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the *Sign*, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*:

"I, David, solemnly covenant that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my breast to be cut open and my heart and vitals to be torn from my body and given to the birds of the air and the beasts of the fields] or [my life to be taken.]." (*Gabriel demonstrates.*)

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Each of you make the *Sign* of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood by bringing the right hand in front of you, with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*) This is the *Sign*.

Now, repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*.

I, _____, (think of your first given name), solemnly covenant that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my breast to be cut open and my heart and vitals to be torn from my body and given to the birds of the air and the beasts of the fields] or [my life to be taken.].

That will do.

Gabriel: I will return and report.

(*Gabriel leaves and his report is heard from above.*)

Jehovah, I have been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Telestial World, and have cast Satan out of their midst. I have given unto them the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible; also a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to keep all passions, appetites and desires within the bounds which the Lord has established. And I have caused them to *receive these by covenant*.

I have also clothed them in the *Robes of the Holy Priesthood* and have given unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. This is my report.

Jehovah: It is well, Gabriel.

Eloheim -- Gabriel has been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Telestial World, have cast Satan Out of their midst, and have done all else that he was commanded to do.

Eloheim: It is well. Jehovah, send down Gabriel again to the Telestial World. Have Adam and his wife, Eve, change their Robes to the right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood; and introduce them into the Terrestrial World.

Instruct Gabriel further, to give unto Adam and his wife, Eve, the Law of Chastity, and to put them under covenant to obey this law, which is, to the daughters of Eve, that no one of them will have sexual relations with any of the opposite sex save their lawful husband, to whom they are given by the Holy Priesthood, and to the Sons of Adam, that no one of them will have sexual relations with any of the opposite sex except their lawful wife or wives who are given them by the Holy Priesthood. Also, give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Have him return and report.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Gabriel, go down again to the Telestial World; instruct Adam and his wife, Eve, to change their Robes to the right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood; and

introduce them into the Terrestrial World.

Give unto Adam and his wife, Eve, The Law of Chastity, and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is, to the daughters of Eve, that no one of them will have sexual relations with any of the opposite sex save their lawful husband, to whom they are given by the Holy Priesthood, and to the sons of Adam, that no one of them will have sexual relations with any of the opposite sex except their lawful wife or wives who are given them by the Holy Priesthood.

Also, give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*; then return and report.

Gabriel: It shall be done, Jehovah. I will go down.

(*Gabriel enters the Telestial World.*)

Gabriel: I have been instructed to have you remove the Robe and change it to the right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and to introduce you into the Terrestrial World. You may now make the change by removing the robe.

(*The robes having been changed, Gabriel then says…*)

Adam and Eve will now follow me into the Terrestrial World.

[End of 2nd Degree]

3rd Degree

The Terrestrial World

The Law of Chastity

Gabriel: Adam [and Eve], I am instructed to give unto you the Law of Chastity; this I will explain.

To Eve it is that you will not have sexual relations with anyone save your lawful husband, to whom you are given by the Holy Priesthood.

To Adam it is that you will not have sexual relations with anyone except your lawful wife or wives who are given to you by the Holy Priesthood.

Eve, please come to the altar.

Bring your right arm to the square. You do solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will observe and keep the Law of Chastity, as it has been explained to you.

If you do, bow your head and say "Yes."

Eve: Yes.

Gabriel: That will do.

Adam, please come to the altar.

Bring your right arm to the square. You do solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will observe and keep the Law of Chastity, as it has been explained to you.

If you do, bow your head and say "Yes."

Adam: Yes.

Gabriel: That will do.

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail

Gabriel: I will now give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. This Token is received by bringing the right hand into this position: the hand is vertical, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended; and the person giving the Token placing the tip of the forefinger of his right hand in the center of the palm, and the thumb opposite on the back of the hand of the one receiving it, in this manner. (*Gabriel and one of his wives demonstrates as they did before.*) Adam, I give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail. I desire you to receive it.

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

(*The token is given to Adam and Adam gives it to Eve.*)

The *Name* of this Token is "the Son, meaning the Son of God."

The *Sign* is made by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square; the right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, the thumb extended, and the thumb is placed over the left hip. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*) This is the *Sign*.

The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by drawing the thumb quickly across the body and dropping the hands to the sides. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*)

I will now explain the covenant and obligation of secrecy which are associated with this Token, its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*, and which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were receiving the Endowment today, I would repeat these words, after making the *Sign*, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*:

"I solemnly covenant, in the Name of the Son, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my life to be taken] *or* [my body to be cut asunder in the midst and all my bowels gush out]."[2] (*Gabriel demonstrates.*)

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Each of you make the *Sign* of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square; also by bringing the right hand forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, the thumb extended, and by placing the thumb over the left hip. (*Gabriel demonstrates.*) This is the *Sign*.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant, at the same time representing the *Execution of the Penalty*:

"I solemnly covenant, *in the name of the Son*, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. Rather than do so, I would suffer [my life to be taken] *or* [my body to be cut asunder in the midst and all my bowels gush out]."

That will do.

I will return and report.

(*Gabriel leaves and his report is heard from above.*)

Gabriel: Jehovah, I have been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, have had them place the Robe on the right shoulder and have introduced them into the Terrestrial World. I have put them under covenant to observe and keep the Law of Chastity. I have also given them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. This is my report.

Jehovah: It is well, Gabriel.

Eloheim -- Gabriel has been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, and has had them place the Robe on the right shoulder, and has introduced them into the Terrestrial World. He has also put them under covenant to observe and keep the Law of Chastity. He has given unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign*, and *Penalty*. This is his report.

Eloheim: It is well.

Jehovah, send down Gabriel to the man Adam in the Terrestrial World and instruct him to give to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, The Law of Consecration, as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the Law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice, and to cause them to *receive it by covenant*;

Also, to give unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Sign*. Also have him give them the Oath of Vengeance, and to teach them The True Order of Prayer, and to prepare them in all

things to receive further instructions at the Veil. Then have them report at the Veil.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

Gabriel, go down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Terrestrial World, and give unto them The Law of Consecration, as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the Law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice, and cause them to *receive it by covenant*.

Give unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Sign*. Have them take the Oath of Vengeance. Then teach them The True Order of Prayer and prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the veil. Then report at the Veil.

Gabriel: It shall be done, Jehovah. I will go down.

(*Gabriel enters the Terrestrial World.*)

The Law of Consecration

Gabriel: I am instructed to give unto you The Law of Consecration as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants (*Gabriel holds up a copy of the D&C for all to see.*), in connection with the Law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice which you have already received.

It is that you do Consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or which He may bless you, for the building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth and for the

establishment of Zion.

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar, that you do accept The Law of Consecration as contained in this (*Again Gabriel holds up a copy of the D&C for all to see.*), the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which He may bless you, for the building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth and for the establishment of Zion.

If you do, each of you bow your head and say "yes."

Adam [and Eve]: "Yes."

Gabriel: That will do.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the *Patriarchal Grip*, or Sure Sign of the Nail

Gabriel: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Sign*. This Token has reference to the crucifixion of the Savior.

When He was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of His hands, then fearing that the weight of his body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through His wrists. Hence, in the palm is the Sign of the Nail, and in the

wrist, is “the Sure Sign of the Nail," or “the Nail in the Sure place.”

This Token is given by clasping the right hands, interlocking the little fingers, and placing the tip of the forefinger upon the center of the wrist, in this manner. (*Gabriel and one of his wives demonstrates.*)

Adam, I give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail. I desire you to receive it. Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

(*Gabriel gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood to Adam. Adam then gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood to Eve.*)

This Token has a *Name* and a *Sign*, but no *Penalty* is mentioned, though the *Penalty* can be discerned by revelation for it is far more severe than the mere loss of mortal life. And you will be under just as sacred an obligation of secrecy in connection with this *Token* and *Sign* as you are with the other *Tokens* and *Signs* of the Holy Priesthood which you have received in the Endowment House this day. The *Name* of this Token will not be given unto you at this stage in the Endowment, but it will be given later on.

The *Sign* is made by raising both hands high above the head (*Gabriel demonstrates.*), and while lowering the hands repeating aloud the words:

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

When Adam was driven out of the Garden of Eden, he built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words that he used, which interpreted are: "Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!," repeated three times.[3]

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Each of you make the *Sign* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands repeating aloud the words:

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

That will do.

The Oath of Vengeance

Gabriel: I am instructed to have you take The Oath of Vengeance, which is: That you do solemnly promise and vow that you will pray, and never cease to pray, and never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets on this nation, and that you will teach this to your children.

Adam [and Eve], arise and come to the altar.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You do solemnly promise and vow that you will pray, and never cease to pray, and never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of

the prophets on this nation, and that you will teach this to your children.

If you do, each of you bow your head and say "yes."

Adam [and Eve]: "Yes."

Gabriel: That will do.

Adam and Eve, with the Robe on the right shoulder you are prepared to be taught The True Order of Prayer, and to be introduced at the Veil.

The Prayer Circle and the True Order of Prayer

Gabriel: Adam [and Eve] will please come forward and form a circle with me and my wives around the altar.

(*Sisters on the left of the brethren.*)

Only the best of feelings should exist in the Circle. If any of you have unkind feelings toward any member of this Circle, you are invited to withdraw so that the Spirit of the Lord may be unrestrained.

In the Circle we make the *Signs* of all the Tokens of the Holy Priesthood.

(*Participants make each sign as they are led by Gabriel.*)

1. We will begin by making the *Sign* of the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*. This is done by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the *Sign*. The *Name* of this Token is the *New Name* received in the Endowment House today. The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by placing the thumb under the left ear, the

palm of the hand down, and by drawing the thumb quickly across the throat to the right ear, and dropping the hand to the side.

2. We will now make the *Sign* of the *Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*. This is done by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the *Sign*. The *Name* of this Token is your first given name. The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by placing the right hand on the left breast, drawing the hand quickly across the body, and dropping the hands to the sides.

3. We will now make the *Sign* of the *First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood* or Sign of the Nail. This is done by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, the thumb extended, and the thumb is placed over the left hip. This is the *Sign*. The *Name* of this Token is "the Son," meaning the Son of God. The *Execution of the Penalty* is represented by drawing the thumb quickly across the body, and dropping the hands to the sides.

4. We will now make the *Sign* of the *Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail. This is done by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands repeating aloud the words:

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

Pay Lay El.

Signifying, “Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!”

[We have here a list of names of persons who are sick, or otherwise afflicted, whom we are requested to remember in our prayer. We will place the list upon the altar, and request the faith of those present in behalf of these persons.]

The sisters in the room will please veil their faces. Each brother in the Circle will take the sister at his left, by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip. Each of you bring your left arm to the square, and rest it upon the shoulder or arm of the person at your left. The brethren and sisters in the Circle will repeat the words of the prayer.

(*Gabriel kneels at the altar, makes the Sign of the Second token of the Aaronic Priesthood, speaks a sentence at a time and the participants repeat after him. After the prayer, the participants in the Circle release the grip, Gabriel rises.*)

Gabriel: The sisters will unveil their faces, and the brethren and sisters in the Circle will return to their seats.

[End of 3rd Degree]

4th Degree

The Veil of the Temple

Gabriel: Adam and Eve, this is the *Veil of the Temple*.

These four marks are the marks of the Holy Priesthood, and corresponding marks are found in your individual Garment.

This one on the right is the mark of the Square. It is placed in the

Garment over the right breast, suggesting to the mind exactness and honor in keeping the covenants entered into this day.

This one on the left is the mark of the Compass. It is placed in the Garment over the left breast, suggesting to the mind an undeviating course leading to Eternal Life, a constant reminder that desires, appetites and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set, and that all truth may be circumscribed into one great whole.

This is the Navel mark. It is placed in the Garment over the navel, suggesting to the mind the need of constant nourishment to body and spirit.

This is the Knee mark. It is placed in the right leg of the Garment, so as to be over the knee cap, suggesting that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ.

These other three marks are for convenience in working at the Veil. Through this one, the person representing the Father puts forth his right hand, to test our knowledge of the Tokens of the Holy Priesthood. Through the one on our right, he asks us certain questions, through the one on the left, we give our answers.

As each of you will have to pass through the Veil, we will show you how this is to be done. The candidate is brought to this point, and Jehovah gives three distinct taps with the mallet. (*Gabriel raps the mallet three times.*) Whereupon, the Father parts the Veil, and asks:

The Father: What is wanted?

Gabriel: Adam, having been true and faithful to all of his Covenants and in all things, desires *Further Light and Knowledge*, by conversing with

the Father through the Veil.

The Father: Present him at the Veil, and his request shall be granted.

Gabriel: The person is then brought to this point, whereupon the Father puts forth his right hand, gives the *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, and asks:

The Father: What is that?

Gabriel: The *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Gabriel: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I will, through the Veil.

The person then gives, through the Veil, the *Name* of this Token, which is the *New Name* received in the Endowment House today. The Father then gives the *Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, and asks:

The Father: What is that?

Gabriel: The *Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Gabriel: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I will through the Veil.

The person gives the *Name* of this Token, which is his first given name. The Father then gives the *First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, or Sign of the Nail, and asks:

The Father: What is that?

Gabriel: The *First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, or Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Gabriel: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I will, through the veil.

(*The person then gives the name of this Token, which is "the Son," meaning, the Son of God. The Father then gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks:*)

The Father: What is that?

Gabriel: The *Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Gabriel: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Father through the Veil.

The Father: You shall receive it upon the *Five Points of Fellowship* through the Veil.

(*Gabriel and the Father demonstrate.*)

Gabriel: The *Five Points of Fellowship* are:

1. Inside of right foot by the inside of right foot;
2. Right knee to right knee;
3. Right breast to right breast;
4. Left hand to back; and
5. mouth to ear.

The Father then gives the *Name* of this Token, and asks:

The Father: What is that?

Gabriel: *Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Gabriel: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Gabriel: I will, upon the *Five Points of Fellowship* through the Veil.

Gabriel: The person then repeats back to the Father the *Name* of

this Token, as he received it, whereupon the Father says:

The Father: That is correct.

Gabriel: The person is again brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet. The Father parts the Veil and asks:

The Father: What is wanted?

Gabriel: Adam, having conversed with the Father through the Veil desires now to enter His presence.

(*The Father puts forth His right hand, takes the person by the right hand and says*):

The Father: Let him enter.

Gabriel: He is admitted into the presence of the Father. We will now report.

(*Gabriel leaves and his report is heard from above.*)

Gabriel: Jehovah, I have been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Terrestrial World, and have given unto them the Law of Consecration, and have caused them to *receive it by covenant*. I have given unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Sign*. We have given them the Oath of Vengeance and have taught them the True Order of Prayer. They are now ready to converse with the Father through the Veil. This is my report.

Jehovah: It is well Gabriel.

Eloheim -- Gabriel has been down to the man Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Terrestrial World, and have done all that he was commanded to do.

Eloheim: It is well.

Jehovah, introduce the man Adam and his wife, Eve, at the Veil, where we will give unto them the *Name* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Eloheim.

I will introduce Adam and his wife, Eve, at the Veil, where we will give unto them the *Name* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

(*Jehovah enters the Terrestrial World.*)

Adam and Eve, I am instructed by the Father to be your Advocate, and to introduce you to the Father through the Veil, where you will receive the *Name* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to your entering into the presence of the Father.

However, before we do, a lecture will now be given which summarizes the instructions, ordinances and covenants, and also the Tokens, with their *Key Words*, *Signs* and *Penalties*, pertaining to the Endowment, which you, have thus far received. You should try to remember and keep in mind all that you have heard and seen and may yet hear and see in this sacred House. The purpose of this lecture is to

assist you to remember that which has been taught you this day.

You must keep in mind that you are under a solemn obligation never to speak outside of the Endowment House of the sacred things you have covenanted not to reveal. This lecture will now be given by Gabriel.

The Lecture at the Veil

Gabriel: Adam and Eve, the ordinances of the Endowment as here administered, long withheld from the children of men, pertain to the Dispensation of the Fullness of Time and have been revealed to prepare the people for exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom, where the Gods dwell. The deep meaning of the Eternal Truths constituting the Endowment, have been set forth by instruction and symbolic representation. If you will use the *Keys whereby you may ask and receive* herein given in prayerful and earnest thought about the Endowment, you will obtain understanding from on high.

You first began in the Creation Room. Here you heard voices of persons representing a council of the Gods, Eloheim, Jehovah, and Michael. Eloheim said:

"See, yonder is matter unorganized, go ye down and organize it into a world, like unto the other worlds that we have heretofore formed. And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (Abraham 3:25)

As the creation of the earth progressed, you heard the commands and the reports of the persons representing the Gods. As Brigham Young taught in his "Lecture Before the Veil" in the St. George Temple:

"Adam was made just the same way you and I are made, but on another

earth. He was an immortal being when he came on this earth; he had lived on an earth similar to ours; he had received the Holy Priesthood and the keys thereof, and had been faithful in all things and gained his resurrection and his exaltation, and was crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives, and was numbered with the Gods for such he became through his faithfulness, and he had begotten all the spirits that were to come to this earth. Eve, our common mother, is the mother of all living and bore all those spirits in the Celestial world. When this earth was organized by Eloheim, Jehovah and Michael, who is our common father, Adam, and Eve, his companion and helpmeet, had the privilege to continue the work of progression. They came to this earth to commence the great work of forming tabernacles for those spirits to dwell in. When they were placed here they were immortal beings with flesh, bones and sinews. Upon partaking of the fruits of the earth while in the Garden and cultivating the ground their bodies became changed from immortal to mortal beings with blood coursing through their veins as the action of life." (Unpublished Revelations, Vol. 1, 2nd Edition, Part 75:15-28)

We were once acquainted with the Gods and lived with them, but we had the privilege of taking upon us flesh that the spirit might have a house to dwell in. We did so and forgot all, and came into this world not recollecting anything of which we had previously learned. If we are faithful, we shall enter the Celestial Kingdom, and there hear and know the Gods. They are perfect, we are imperfect. They are exalted, we may attain exaltation.

And so Michael was one of the council of the Gods who became the man Adam, to whom was given the woman Eve. He did not remember his life and labors in the council and it is so with us all. We come into

this world with no memory of our previous existence.

We followed Adam and Eve into the Garden of Eden, where Eloheim provided that they might eat freely of all the fruit of the Garden, except the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He forbade them to partake of this fruit, saying that in the day they did so, they should surely die. When Adam and Eve were left alone in the Garden, Lucifer appeared, and tempted them. Eve yielded to the temptation, partook of the fruit, and offered it to Adam. Adam had resisted the temptation of Lucifer, but when Eve offered him the forbidden fruit he partook of it, that they might continue together, and perpetuate the human race.

Adam and Eve now understood that it was Lucifer who had tempted them. They became self conscious. Discovering their nakedness, and hearing the voice of the Lord, they made aprons of fig leaves and hid themselves. They had learned that everything has its opposite, such as good and evil, light and darkness, pleasure and pain. The Lord again entered the Garden, Adam and Eve confessed their disobedience. The Lord cursed Lucifer, and cast him out of the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve also were driven out of the Garden, and the Lord commanded: "Let cherubim, and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam put forth his hand, and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in his sins."

Before their departure, however, instructions were given to Adam and Eve. Addressing Eve, the Lord said: "Because thou has hearkened to the voice of Lucifer, and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, and given unto Adam, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow in thy conception. In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children, nevertheless, thou mayest be preserved in childbearing. Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

To Adam, the Lord said: 'Because thou has hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds, to afflict and torment man. And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

You were then Washed; Adam, that you *may* become clean from the blood and sins of this generation *through your faithfulness*, and Eve, you were pronounced clean from the blood and sins of this generation, *every whit, through childbearing and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ*.

You were then Anointed; Adam, *to become* Kings and Priests unto the Most High God, and Eve, *to become* Queens and Priestesses unto your husbands.

Having been commanded, Jehovah provided Adam and Eve with coats of skins for a covering. The *Garment of the Holy Priesthood* was placed upon you. It represents the coat of skins or covering of Adam and Eve. You were told to wear it throughout your life, and if you do not defile it, but are true and faithful to your covenants, it will be a shield and a protection to you against the power of the destroyer until you have finished your work here on earth.

A *New Name* was given to you. This *Name* you should always remember, but you must never reveal it to any person, except at the Veil. It represents a *Name* that is older than yourself. Adam and Eve were also promised that *Further Light and Knowledge* would be given them.

The Law of Obedience was then taught Adam and Eve, and accepted by them. Eve covenanted with Adam that thenceforth she would obey the law of her husband, and abide by his council; and Adam covenanted with Eloheim that he would obey Him, and keep His commandments. You, likewise, covenanted to comply with the Law of Obedience.

The Law of Sacrifice was next presented to Adam, as taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr., the Witness or Testator, and you were placed under covenant to observe it.

We might note by way of instruction that when Adam and Eve finished their work on this earth, they did not lay their bodies down in the dust, but returned to the world from whence they came.

Then Father Adam, in His divinity, came to Mary and she conceived the Christ child. You have learned that all things should be done in the *Name* of the Son. An angel of the Lord explained this to Adam, who was given the privilege of showing his Obedience by offering sacrifices to the Lord, in similitude of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Later, the people of Israel lived under this law, which continued in force until the atonement of Jesus Christ.

The *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign* and *Penalty* was given to you; and you were told that the *Name* of this Token is your *New Name* received in the Endowment House today. The sacred nature of the Tokens of the Priesthood was carefully explained at this time. You were placed under solemn covenant never to reveal these Tokens, with their accompanying *Names*, *Signs* and *Penalties*, even at the peril of your life. You were told that the *Execution of the Penalties* indicate different ways in which life

may be taken; then, Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden into the Telestial Kingdom, or the Lone and Dreary World, *the world in which we are now living*. There, Adam offered prayer saying: "Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!," repeating it three times. Satan entered, and claiming to be the god of this world, asked Adam what he desired. Adam replied that he was waiting for messengers from his Father. Satan declared that a preacher would soon arrive. A man representing a sectarian minister entered and preached a false religion which Adam did not accept.

Gabriel was sent down by the Lord, to learn, without disclosing his identity, if the man Adam had been faithful to his covenants. He found that Adam had been faithful and so reported. Gabriel was sent down again, this time in his true character as a Patriarch of the Most High God, to visit and to instruct Adam and his wife, Eve, in the Telestial World. Before so teaching them, using the First Sign of the Aaronic Priesthood and by authority, they cast Satan out. The Law of the Gospel, as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible was then given to you as Adam and his wife, Eve.

You were then placed under covenant to obey the Law of the Gospel, and to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the Name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to keep all passions, appetites and desires within the bounds which the Lord has established.

The *Robe of the Holy Priesthood* was placed upon your left shoulder, according to the order of the Aaronic Priesthood. The Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood was given to you, with its *Name*, *Sign* and *Penalty*; and you were informed that the *Name* of this Token is your first given name. The *Robe of the Holy Priesthood* was then changed to the

right shoulder, as was done anciently, when officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

You were then introduced with the *Robe of the Holy Priesthood* on the right shoulder into the Terrestrial Kingdom. The Law of Chastity was there explained to you in plainness, and you were placed under covenant to obey this law. The First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying *Name*, *Sign* and *Penalty* was next given to you. You were told that the *Name* of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood is "the Son," meaning, the Son of God.

The Law of Consecration, as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants was explained to you, and you received this law by covenant.

The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place was given to you, together with its *Sign*. The *Name* of this Token will be given to you at the Veil. This Token has reference to the crucifixion of the Savior. When he was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of his hands, then fearing that the weight of his body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through his wrists. Hence, in the palm is the "Sign of the Nail," and in the wrist, is the "Sure Sign of the Nail," or the "Nail in the Sure place."

You then took the Oath of Vengeance, which is, that you would continually pray that God will avenge the blood of the martyred prophets upon this wicked nation.

You were then taught the True Order of Prayer, which you will use to

call upon God for the rest of your life. You have now progressed so far in the Endowment that you are ready to receive the *Name* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and to pass through the Veil, into the Celestial Kingdom.

Adam and Eve, you shall be presented at the Veil by Jehovah. The Jehovah for our world is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Advocate with the Father, for he has said that "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." And the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. explained that, "He will manifest the Father unto us." Jehovah, therefore, will present you at the Veil so that you may communicate with the Father through the Veil to receive *Further Light and Knowledge*.

Adam and Eve, you will have received this day the sacred ordinances of the Endowment; the Eternal Plan of Salvation for man as he journeys from his pre-existent state, to his future high place in the Celestial Kingdom, has been presented to you. You have covenanted to obey all the Laws of the Gospel, including the laws of Obedience, Sacrifice, the Gospel, Chastity, and Consecration, which make possible an exaltation with the Gods; and you have received the First and Second Tokens of the Aaronic Priesthood, and the First and Second Tokens of the Melchizedek Priesthood, with the *Names, Signs* and *Penalties* of these Tokens, except the *Name* of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, which will be given to you by the Father through the Veil. All this is done for the glory, honor and endowment of the children of Zion.

Adam and Eve, strive to comprehend the glorious things presented to you this day. No other people on earth have ever had this privilege, except as they have received the Keys of the Holy Priesthood, given in the Endowment.

These are what are termed *"the Mysteries of Godliness,"* and will draw-down *"the Power of Godliness"* that which will enable you to understand the expression of the Savior, made just prior to his betrayal: "This is life Eternal, that thy might know thee, the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." May God bless you all, amen.

Ceremony at the Veil

(*Gabriel directs Adam, and then Eve, to the Veil. Jehovah stands at the Veil to introduce the Adam and Eve to "the Father" who is on the other side of the Veil. Jehovah gives three distinct taps with the mallet.*)

The Father: (*Slightly parting the Veil says…*) What is wanted?

Jehovah: Adam [or "Eve"], having been true and faithful to all of his Covenants and in all things, desires *Further Light and Knowledge*, by conversing with the Father, through the Veil.

The Father: Present him [or "her"] at the Veil, and his [or "her"] request shall be granted.

(*The Father puts forth his right hand, gives the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks…*)

The Father: What is that?

Candidate: The *First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Candidate: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Candidate: I will, through the Veil.

(*Candidate gives the New Name.*)

(*The Father gives the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks…*)

The Father: What is that?

Candidate: The *Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood*.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Candidate: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Candidate: I will through the Veil.

(*Candidate gives his first given name.*)

(*The Father gives the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, and asks…*)

The Father: What is that?

Candidate: The *First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, or Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Candidate: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Candidate: I will, through the veil.

(*Candidate gives this name -- the Son.*)

(*The Father gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks...*)

The Father: What is that?

Candidate: The *Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Candidate: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Candidate: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Father through the Veil.

The Father: You shall receive it upon the *Five Points of Fellowship* through the Veil.

Jehovah: The *Five Points of Fellowship* are:

1. Inside of right foot by the inside of right foot;
2. Right knee to right knee;
3. Right breast to right breast;
4. Left hand to back; and
5. mouth to ear.

(*The Father and the Candidate, while still holding the Patriarchal Grip,*

embrace by placing their left arms through the marks of the compass and square in the Veil. The Candidate's left arm goes through the mark of the compass. The Father's left arm goes through the mark of the square. The Father then gives the name of this token.)

The Father: This is the *Name* of the Token: *"Health in the navel, marrow in the bones, strength in the loins and in the sinews, power in the Priesthood be upon me, and upon my posterity through all generations of time, and throughout all eternity."*

The Father: What is that?

Candidate: The *Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood*, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

The Father: Has it a *Name*?

Candidate: It has.

The Father: Will you give it to me?

Candidate: I will, upon the *Five Points of Fellowship* through the Veil.

This is the *Name* of the Token: *"Health in the navel, marrow in the bones, strength in the loins and in the sinews, power in the Priesthood be upon me, and upon my posterity through all generations of time, and throughout all eternity."*

The Father: That is correct.

(*The Candidate and the Father separate from the Five Points of Fellowship and break the Patriarchal Grip. Jehovah then gives three*

distinct taps with the mallet. The Father parts the Veil and asks…)

The Father: What is wanted?

Jehovah: Adam (Eve), having conversed with the Father through the Veil desires now to enter His presence.

(*The Father puts forth His right hand, takes the person by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip and says…*)

The Father: Let him [or "her"] enter.

(*The Veil is now parted and the Father with His right hand takes the Patron by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip and gently pulls him through the Veil into the Celestial room.*)

[Note: At this point the candidate is eligible to receive the Patriarchal Priesthood [or Matriarchal Priestesshood in the case of women], as the final Token conveys "*Power in the Priesthood be upon me and upon my posterity …*" This is reference to the Patri-lineal Priesthood. Since this has been granted to the candidate by the Father through the Veil, it is appropriate to confer this Priesthood, or Priestesshood, upon the candidate after passing through the Veil.]

(*This is an appropriate time to instruct the newly admitted Patriarch and/or Matriarch regarding the next step – the 2nd Anointing, which is the culmination and fulfillment of keeping the Covenants and living the Laws made in the Endowment.*)

(*If warranted, this may also be a good time to instruct concerning the next level of Priesthood available and to be aspired to in one's Eternal Progression: the "Priesthood of a Key and Power of an Endless*

Life" see JST Genesis 14:25-32)

[end of 4th Degree]

PREPARATORY

At age 12, a practice garment, without markings, may be placed on children (coming of age ceremony) accompanied with a ceremonial washing. This practice garment helps young men & women get used to the clothing that needs to be worn to cover the Garment of Holy Priesthood in preparation for the time when they will actually receive the real thing. The following washing is suggested, but not required:

_ I wash your head, that your brain and your intellect may be clear and active;

_ your ears, that you may hear the word of the Lord;

_ your eyes, that you may see clearly and discern between truth and error;

_ your nose, that you may smell;

_ your lips, that you may never speak guile;

_ your neck, that it may bear up your head properly;

_ your shoulders, that they may bear the burdens that shall be placed thereon;

_ your back, that there may be marrow in the bones and in the spine;

_ your breast, that it may be the receptacle of pure and virtuous

principles;

_ your vitals and bowels, that they may be healthy and strong and perform their proper functions;

_ your arms and hands, that they may be strong and wield the sword of justice in defense of truth and virtue;

_ your loins, that you may be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity;

_ your legs that you may run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

_ your feet, that they may stand in Holy Places or that the places whereon they stand may be made Holy.

INITIATORY

SON'S

WASHING

My son _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father, and as your ["Father"] *or* ["Patriarch"], I Wash you preparatory to receiving your Anointings, that you *may* become clean from the blood and sins of this generation:

_ I wash your head, that your brain and your intellect may be clear and active;

_ your ears, that you may hear the word of the Lord;

_ your eyes, that you may see clearly and discern between truth and

error;

_ your nose, that you may smell;

_ your lips, that you may never speak guile;

_ your neck, that it may bear up your head properly;

_ your shoulders, that they may bear the burdens that shall be placed thereon;

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_ your legs that you may run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

_ your feet, that they may stand in Holy Places or that the places whereon they stand may be made Holy.

CONFIRMATION OF THE WASHING

My son _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father, and as your [“Father”]

or [“Patriarch”] and [“Brother”] *or* [“Father”] we lay our hands upon your head and seal upon you this Washing, that you *may* become clean from the blood and sins of this generation *through your faithfulness*, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and of our Dispensation Head, Amen.

SON’S

ANOINTING

My son, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father, and as your [“Father”] *or* [“Patriarch”] I pour this holy anointing oil upon your head and Anoint you preparatory to your becoming a King and a Priest unto the Most High God, hereafter to rule and reign in the House of Israel forever:

_ I anoint your head, that your brain and your intellect may be clear and active;

_ your ears, that you may hear the word of the Lord;

_ your eyes, that you may see clearly and discern between truth and error;

_ your nose, that you may smell;

_ your lips, that you may never speak guile;

_ your neck, that it may bear up your head properly;

_ your shoulders, that they may bear the burdens that shall be placed thereon;

_ your back, that there may be marrow in the bones and in the spine;

_ your breast, that it may be the receptacle of pure and virtuous principles;

_ your vitals and bowels, that they may be healthy and strong and perform their proper functions;

_ your arms and hands, that they may be strong and wield the sword of justice in defense of truth and virtue;

_ your loins, that you may be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity;

_ your legs that you may run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

_ your feet, that they may stand in Holy Places or that the places whereon they stand may be made Holy.

CONFIRMATION OF THE ANOINTING

My son, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father, and as your [“Father”] *or* [“Patriarch”] and [“Brother”] *or* [“Father”], we lay our hands upon your head and seal upon you this Anointing preparatory to your becoming a King and a Priest unto the Most High God, hereafter to rule and reign in the House of Israel forever and seal upon you all the blessings hereunto appertaining, through your faithfulness. (*Add whatever blessings or counsel that the Spirit dictates*.)

I do this in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and of our Dispensation Head, Amen.

SON'S

GARMENT OF THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD and *NEW NAME*

My son, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Patriarchal Priesthood, and as your Father, I place this Garment upon you which you must wear throughout your life.

It represents the Garment given to Adam when he was found naked in the Garden of Eden, and is called the *Garment of the Holy Priesthood*.

Inasmuch as you do not defile it, but are true and faithful to your covenants, it will be a shield and a protection to you against the power of the destroyer until you have finished your work here on earth.

With this Garment I give you a *New Name*, which you should always remember, and which you must keep sacred, and never reveal except at a certain place which will be shown you hereafter. The name is "_____."

[*the new name is a historic scriptural name from either the Bible or the Book of Mormon. It comes by inspiration, and frequently echoes the position, purpose or mission of the recipient.*]

WASHING

WIFE'S

My wife, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy ["Melchizedek Priesthood of the Son" *if the husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father" *if the husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], and as your Husband, I Wash you preparatory to receiving your Anointings and

pronounce you clean, *every whit, – through childbearing, and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ* – from the blood and sins of this generation.

_ I wash your head, that your brain and your intellect may be clear and active;

_ your ears, that you may hear the word of the Lord;

_ your eyes, that you may see clearly and discern between truth and error;

_ your nose, that you may smell;

_ your lips, that you may never speak guile;

_ your neck, that it may bear up your head properly;

_ your shoulders, that they may bear the burdens that shall be placed thereon;

_ your back, that there may be marrow in the bones and in the spine;

_ your breast, that it may be the receptacle of pure and virtuous principles;

_ your vitals and bowels, that they may be healthy and strong and perform their proper functions;

_ your arms and hands, that they may be strong and wield the sword of justice in defense of truth and virtue;

_ your loins, that you may be fruitful and multiply and replenish the

earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity;

_ your legs that you may run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

_ your feet, that they may stand in Holy Places or that the places whereon they stand may be made Holy.

CONFIRMATION OF THE WASHING

My wife, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy ["Melchizedek Priesthood of the Son" *if the husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father" *if the husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], and as your Husband, we lay our hands upon your head and seal upon you this Washing preparatory to your receiving your further endowment.

I do this in the Name of ["Jesus Christ" *if her husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and of our Dispensation Head" *if her husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], Amen.

WIFE'S

ANOINTING

My wife, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy ["Melchizedek Priesthood of the Son" *if the husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father" *if the husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], and as your Husband, I pour this holy anointing oil upon your head and Anoint you preparatory to your becoming a Queen and a Priestess Unto Your Husband, hereafter to rule and reign with him in the House of Israel

forever:

_ I anoint your head, that your brain and your intellect may be clear and active;

_ your ears, that you may hear the word of the Lord;

_ your eyes, that you may see clearly and discern between truth and error;

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_ your neck, that it may bear up your head properly;

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CONFIRMATION OF THE ANOINTING

My wife, _____, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy ["Melchizedek Priesthood of the Son" *if the husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father" *if the husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], and as your Husband, we lay our hands upon your head and confirm upon you this Anointing preparatory to your becoming a Queen and a Priestess Unto Your Husband, hereafter to rule and reign with him in the House of Israel forever; and seal upon you all the blessings hereunto appertaining, through your faithfulness. (Add whatever blessings or counsel that the Spirit dictates.)

I do this in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy ["Melchizedek Priesthood of the Son" *if the husband does not hold Patriarchal Priesthood*] *or* ["Patriarchal Priesthood of the Father" *if the husband does hold Patriarchal Priesthood*], Amen.

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Inasmuch as you do not defile it, but are true and faithful to your covenants, it will be a shield and a protection to you against the power of the destroyer until you have finished your work here on earth.

With this Garment I give you a *New Name*, which you should always remember, and which you must keep sacred, and never reveal except at a certain place which will be shown you hereafter. The name is "_____."

[*the new name is a historic scriptural name from either the Bible or the Book of Mormon. It comes by inspiration, and frequently echoes the position, purpose or mission of the recipient.*]

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Monogamous

Instructions

Bride and groom with robes on right shoulders kneel at the altar. Groom on north side and bride on south side. They join hands in the Patriarchal Grip. Officiator stands west of the altar, facing east. Witnesses are seated on each side of and behind the Officiator.

Ceremony

Officiator: Brother _____, do you take sister _____, by the right hand and receive her unto yourself to be your lawful and wedded wife, and you to be her lawful and wedded husband, for time and all eternity, with a covenant and promise that you will observe and

keep all the laws, rites, and ordinances pertaining to this Holy Order of Matrimony in the New and Everlasting Covenant, and this you do in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

Groom: Yes.

Officiator: Sister _____, do you take brother _____, by the right hand and give yourself to him to be his lawful and wedded wife, and for him to be your lawful and wedded husband, for time and all eternity, with a covenant and promise that you will observe and keep all the laws, rites, and ordinances pertaining to this Holy Order of Matrimony in the New and Everlasting Covenant, and this you do in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

Bride: Yes.

Officiator: In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by authority of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood vested in me, I pronounce you (Groom's full name.), and you (Bride's full name.), lawfully husband and wife for time and all eternity, and I seal upon you the blessings of the holy resurrection with power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection clothed in glory, immortality, and eternal lives, and I seal upon you the blessings of kingdoms, thrones, principalities, powers, dominions and exaltations, with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and say unto you: be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. All these blessings, together with all the blessings appertaining unto the New and Everlasting Covenant, I seal upon you by virtue of the Holy Priesthood, through your faithfulness, in

the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

(*If desired, it is appropriate for bride and groom to kiss over the altar and to exchange rings after rising and stepping away from the altar. Others may congratulate them, but then should leave the room so that the new couple may pray over the altar for the first time as husband and wife.*)

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Plural

Instructions

First Plurality: The wife giving her husband a new bride stands on the left hand of her husband, while the bride stands on her left.

Additional Plurality: The wife giving her husband a new bride stands on the left hand of her husband and all other wives to her left and then the new bride to the left of all of them.

First Plurality:

Officiator: Do all of you fully consent to this union of your own free will and choice and will you all abide in unity in this Holy Order of Matrimony? If you will, raise your right arms to the square and say "yes."

All Parties: Yes

Officiator: Sister _____(Wife), since you are willing to give this woman to your husband to be his lawful and wedded wife for time and all eternity, you will manifest it by placing her right hand within the right

hand of your husband.

Additional Plurality:

Officiator: Do all of you fully consent to this union of your own free will and choice and will you all abide in unity in this Holy Order of Matrimony? If you will, raise your right arms to the square and say "yes."

All Parties: Yes.

Officiator: Sisters, since each of you individually and as sister wives are willing to give this woman to your husband to be his lawful and wedded wife for time and all eternity, you will manifest it by the wife next to the bride placing her right hand in the right hand of the wife next to you and so on, as the bride passes in front of you, until the last wife places the bride's right hand within the right hand of your husband.

Instructions: Bride and groom with robes on right shoulders kneel at the altar. Groom on north side and bride on south side. They join hands in the Patriarchal Grip. Other wives, in Robes, also kneel at the altar and place their hands on top of the bride and groom's hands. Officiator stands west of the altar, facing east. Witnesses are seated on each side of and behind the Officiator.

Officiator: Brother _____, do you take sister _____, by the right hand and receive her unto yourself to be your lawful and wedded wife, and you to be her lawful and wedded husband, for time and all eternity, with a covenant and promise that you will observe and keep all the laws, rites, and ordinances pertaining to this Holy Order of Matrimony in the New and Everlasting Covenant, and this you do in the

presence of God, Angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

Groom: Yes.

Officiator: Sister _____, do you take brother _____, by the right hand and give yourself to him to be his lawful and wedded wife, and for him to be your lawful and wedded husband, for time and all eternity, with a covenant and promise that you will observe and keep all the laws, rites, and ordinances pertaining to this Holy Order of Matrimony in the New and Everlasting Covenant, and this you do in the presence of God, Angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

Bride: Yes.

Officiator: In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by authority of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood vested in me, I pronounce you _____ (Groom's full name.), and you _____ (Bride's full name.), lawfully husband and wife for time and all eternity, and I seal upon you the blessings of the holy resurrection with power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection clothed in glory, immortality, and eternal lives, and I seal upon you the blessings of kingdoms, thrones, principalities, powers, dominions and exaltations, with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and say unto you: be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. All these blessings, together with all the blessings appertaining unto the New and Everlasting Covenant, I seal upon you by virtue of the Holy Priesthood, through your faithfulness, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

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[1] “Noah, who is Gabriel. He stands next in authority to Adam in the Priesthood” TPJS 157

[2] “"Judas lost that saving principle, and they *took him and killed him.... they actually kicked him until his bowels came out. ... I will suffer my bowels to be taken out* before I will forfeit the covenant I have made with Him and my brethren.' Do you understand me? ... I know the day is right at hand when men will forfeit their Priesthood and turn against the covenants they have made, and *they will be destroyed as Judas was*" (JD 6:125-26)

[3] Psalms 54:2 “Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.”